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To Be Effective

- A Common Vision
- Residents Identify and own the Solutions for their Neighborhood.
- Know the Market

Fitchburg and Leominster

- Each have about 40,000 people
- Latino Population
 - 21% Fitchburg and 15% Leominster
- Median HH Income:
 - \$47,000 (Fitchburg) \$56,000 in Leominster
- Single Family Home Prices:
 - \$130,000 Fitchburg \$180,000 Leominster

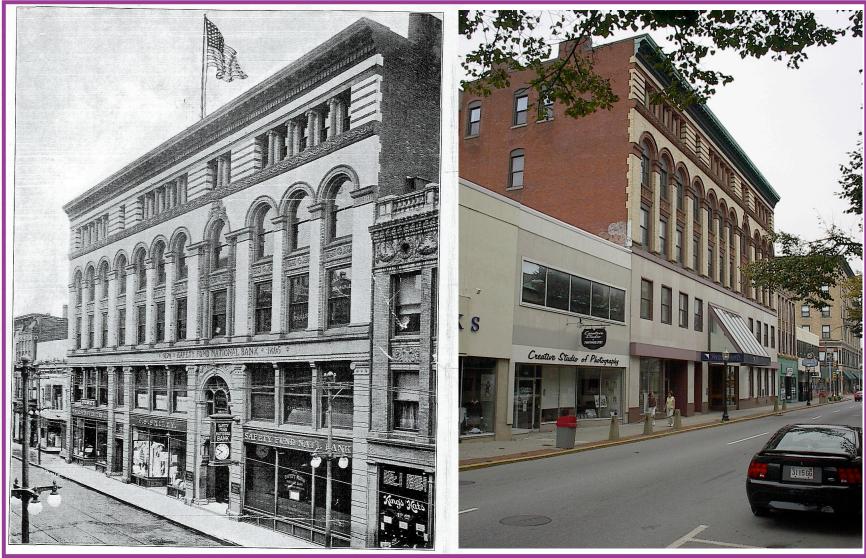
Twin Cities CDC

- Vision: A place where people "choose to live, work and invest"
- Staff: 10
- Rental Properties: 120
- Homeownership Counseling
- Foreclosure Counseling
- Community Organizing
- Small Business Assistance

Fitchburg's Downtown Neighborhoods



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470 Main Street Fitchburg, MA

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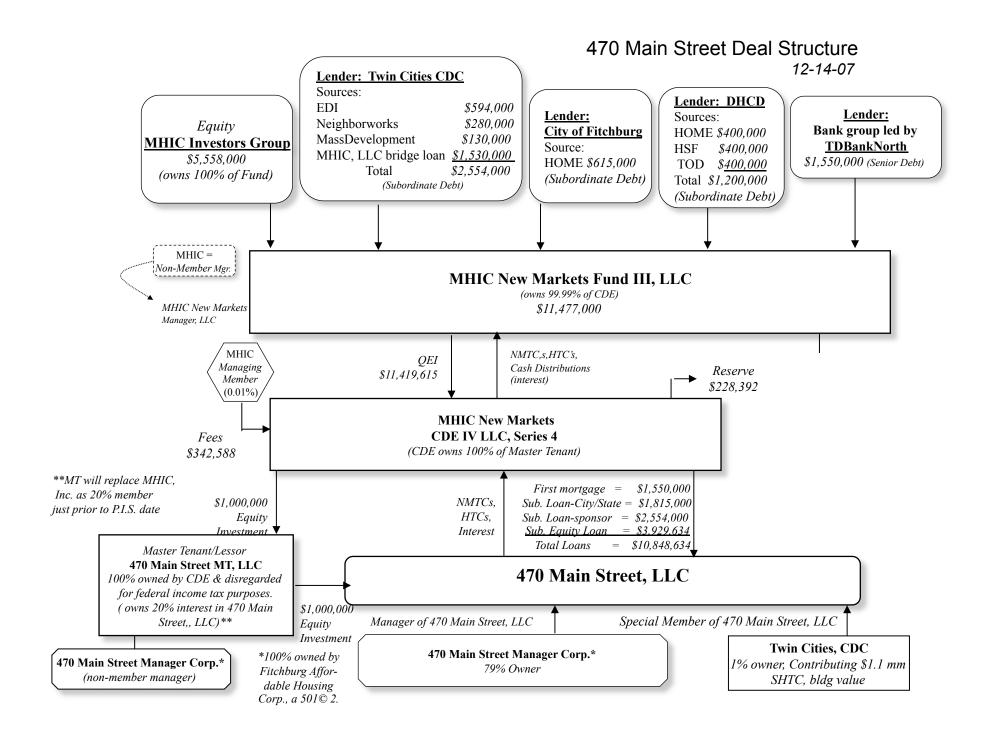


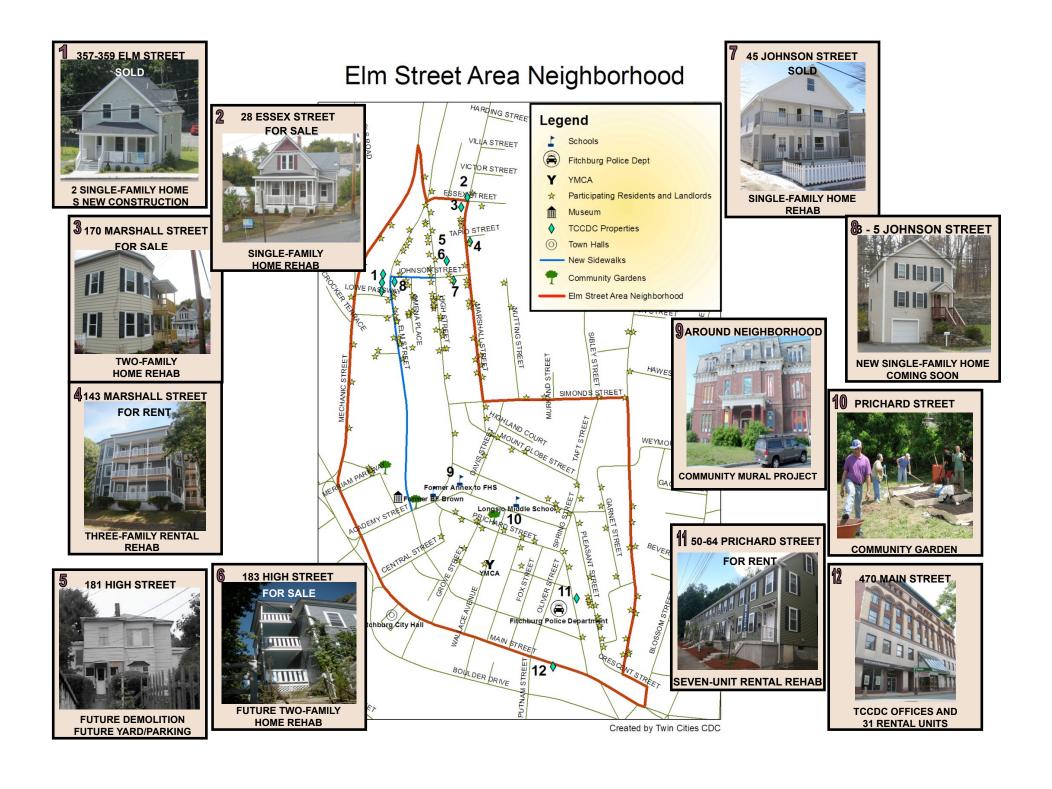
Rear Elevation

Completed Building

New Living Room







Elm Street Organizing Fitchburg Art Museum



Elm Street Garage- Demolished



45 Johnson Street Sold 2 years later for Approximately \$80,000



Trick or Treat On Main Street



3 new Energy Star Homes on Former Gang Site \$125,000



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⇒First time home buyer classes

"Even though I wasn't ready to buy today, it got me prepared so when I am ready I can qualify for a mortgage."

⇒Insightful advice

"They helped me improve my credit score so I could qualify for a mortgage."

⇒Mortgage programs

"I was surprised to learn that there are still programs that allow you to put down as little as \$4K."*



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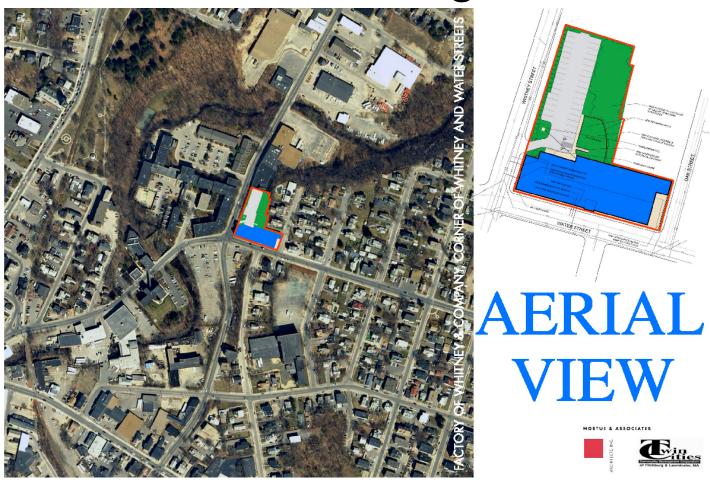


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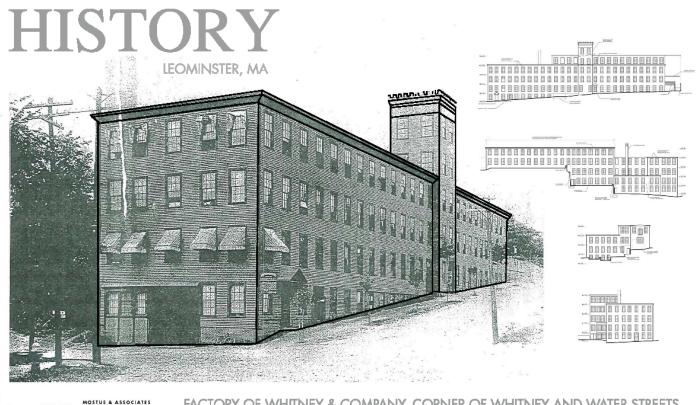
Leominster's Comb and Carriage Neighborhood



Leominster, MA Comb and Carriage District



Leominster, Project Vision







142 Water Street Before





Water Mill Apartments Completed

40 Units of LEED certified Affordable Housing in Gateway Neighborhood of Leominster

Thank you